



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Patent Application)

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Serial No. 09/842,021)

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For: OPTICAL DEVICE, OPTICAL)
 SYSTEM, METHOD OF)
 PRODUCTION OF SAME, AND)
 MOLD FOR PRODUCTION OF)
 SAME)

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF INVENTION REQUIREMENT

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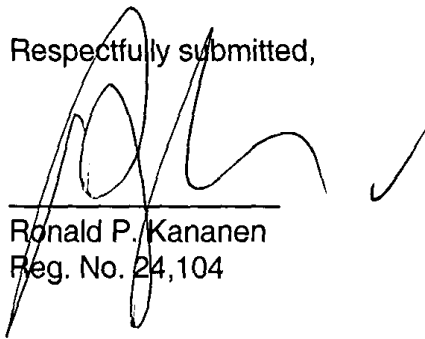
Sir:

This is in full and timely response to the Election of Invention Requirement mailed on January 8, 2003, (Paper No. 5) for which one (1) month was allotted for reply.

Claims 1 to 114 are pending in the above-identified application. The Applicant respectfully provisionally elects with traverse the invention of Group I, having claims 1-18, 52-70, 99-102, and 112-114 drawn to optical devices or optical systems comprising optical devices, classified in class 359, subclass 796 (as well as other classes and subclasses based upon the distinct species claimed) as identified by the Examiner. It is acknowledged with appreciation that method claims 112 to 114 are grouped with Group I. Please hold non-elected claims of Groups II and III, i.e., 19-51, 71-98, 103-106 and 107-111 in abeyance pending a decision on rejoinder, or their filing in a divisional application as of right. This traverse is made to preserve a right of rejoinder of method claims when elected device claims are allowed.

An early examination on the merits of the elected claims is respectfully requested,
along with rejoinder of the non-elected method claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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